

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(CLAIMING BENEFIT TO PROVISIONAL APPLICATION)

(New Nonprovisional Application Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

15437-0583

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, David S. Comay, et al., entitled MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTING A SPARSE FILE SYSTEM FOR AN OPERATING SYSTEM PARTITION, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application that claims the benefit of prior U.S. Provisional Application 60/469,558, filed May 9, 2003.
 (X) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 119(e) has been added to the specification.

() Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP)
 of prior application No: _____ Filed on: _____

() A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification 41 Total Pages; (X) Drawing(s) 5 Total Sheets; (X) Cover Sheet 1 Page
 (X) Oath or Declaration: 5 Pages

(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

(X) Signed. () Unsigned. () Partially Signed.

() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

() Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

() Power of Attorney. (X) Return Receipt Postcard.

() Associate Power of Attorney. (X) A Check in the amount of \$1,422.00 for the Filing Fee.

() Preliminary Amendment. () Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

(X) Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

() A Duplicate Copy of this Form for Processing Fee Against Deposit Account.

() A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

() Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

() Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

(X) Recordation of Assignment Cover Sheet and executed Assignment.

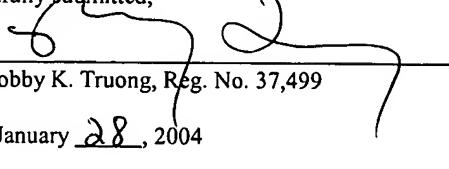
() Other: _____

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	54	34	\$18.00	\$ 612.00
Independent Claims	3	0	\$86.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				
Assignment Recording Fee				\$0.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$40.00
				\$770.00
			Total Filing Fee	\$ 1,422.00

Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account 50-1302 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.25. Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____


 Bobby K. Truong, Reg. No. 37,499

Date: January 28, 2004

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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 See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 AND 1.28

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Application Number	NYA
Filing Date	January 30, 2004
First Named Inventor	David S. Comay, et al.
Examiner Name	NYA
Group/Art Unit	NYA
Attorney Docket No.	15437-0583

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Deposit Account Name Hickman Palermo Truong & Becker, LLP

2. Payment Enclosed:

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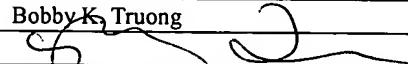
3. Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)				
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1330	2453	665	Petition to revive – unintentional	
1501	1330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
Other fee (specify) _____					
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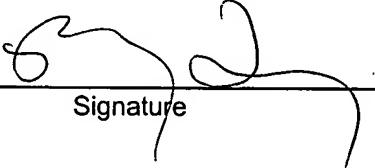
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	David S. Comay, et al.
Title	Mechanism for Implementing A Sparse File System for an Operating System Partition
Atty. Docket Number	15437-0583

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

January 28, 2004
Date


Signature

Bobby K. Truong (Reg. No. 37,499)
Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

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If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

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